**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION NO.427-2019**

**FOR ORAL REPLY**

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**Dr. MJ Figg (DA) to ask the Minister of Arts and Culture:**

1. With reference to his reply to question 1116 on 7 May 2018, by what date will the construction of the Sarah Bartmann Centre of Remembrance in Hankey, Eastern Cape be completed and (b) what will the running costs of the Centre be once it is operational;
2. Whether an operating agent has been appointed yet; if not, by what date will an operating agent be appointed; and if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) what are the relevant details of the tender process that was followed to appoint the operating agent?

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**REPLY:**

1.(a). The completion date for the construction of the Sarah Bartmann Centre of Remembrance is October 2019.

 (b). The Department of Arts and Culture will be appointing a museum planner whose tasks include the development of an operational budget/running costs for the Sarah Bartmann Centre of Remembrance.

2.(a). No operating agent has been appointed, nor will an operating agent be appointed to manage the Centre.

 (b). The Centre will be declared a Declared Cultural Institution, in accordance with the National Institutions Act, Act no 119 of 1998.